

# **CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 13, 2007 - - 7:00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Andrew H. Macdonald, Members of Council Ludwig P. Gaines, K. Rob Krupicka, Timothy B. Lovain, Redella S. Pepper and Paul C. Smedberg.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Mr. Hartmann, City Manager; Mr. Pessoa, City Attorney; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; Police Lt. Uzzell; Ms. Boyd, Director, Citizen Assistance; Mr. Kincannon, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Culpepper, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Baker, Director, Office on Women; Ms. Niebauer, Director, Office of Human Rights; Mr. Mackey, Gang Prevention Coordinator; Mr. Mason, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Josephson, Acting Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Milone, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Mandley, Director, General Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

**Recorded by:** Jacqueline M. Henderson, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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City Council held a work session with the Transportation Task Force from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Work Room.

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## **OPENING**

### **1. Calling the Roll.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the City Clerk called the roll; all the members of City Council were present.

### **2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.**

City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

(a) The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2007; and

(b) The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2007.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Vice Mayor Macdonald and carried unanimously, City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of February 24, 2007 and the regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2007. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Macdonald	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

**RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring March as Women's History Month.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 3/13/07, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (5-7)**

**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

5. Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS  
John Taylor Chapman
- (b) Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities  
Robyn Fitzgerald
- (c) Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board  
Peter B. Rutledge
- (d) Alexandria Community Services Board  
Cenda Tyree
- (e) Alexandria Sister Cities Committee  
Cindy Jones  
Carlos Davila

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5(a-e); 3/13/07, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee  
2 Citizen Members
- (b) Alexandria Beautification Commission  
2 Citizen Members
- (c) Alexandria Citizen Corps Council  
1 Member In Good Standing of the CERT Program
- (d) Alexandria Early Childhood Commission  
1 Developmental Pediatrician Representing Inova  
Alexandria Hospital
- (e) Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council  
1 Representative of the Alexandria Medical Society  
Who Has Privileges at Inova Alexandria Hospital  
1 Emergency Room Physician From Inova  
Alexandria Hospital
- (f) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Representative From the Alexandria Historical Society
- (g) Alexandria Urban Design Advisory Committee  
1 Representative of the Old Town North Business Community

- (h) Virginia Paving Community Liaison Committee
- 1 Representative From the Cameron Station Civic Association
  - 1 Representative From the Summer's Grove Homeowners Association
  - 1 Representative From the Alexandria City Public Schools
  - 1 Representative From the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association
  - 1 Representative From the Cameron Station Community Association
  - 1 Representative From the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations
  - 2 Representatives From the West End Business Association

**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6 (a-h); 3/13/07, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration of the Board of Zoning Appeals 2006 Annual Report.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 28, 2007, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 3/13/07, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Macdonald and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) John Taylor Chapman, Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS; (b) Robyn Fitzgerald, Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities; (c) Peter B. Rutledge, Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board; (d) Cenda Tyree, Alexandria Community Services Board; and (e) Cindy Jones and Carlos Davila, Alexandria Sister Cities Committee.

6. City Council made the following appointments: (a) reappointed Kenneth Hill and appointed Forrest Wilhoit as the two citizen members to the Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee; (b) reappointed John Bramer and Chris Von Schoening as the two citizen members to the Alexandria Beautification Commission; (c) appointed Brian Jacobson as the one member in good standing of the CERT program to the Alexandria Citizen Corps Council; (d) reappointed Erwin Bondareff, M.D., as the one developmental pediatrician representing Inova Alexandria Hospital to the Alexandria Early Childhood Commission; (e) reappointed Martin Brown, M.D., as the one

representative of the Alexandria Medical Society who has privileges at Inova Alexandria Hospital and reappointed Thomas Clark, M.D., as the one emergency room physician from Inova Alexandria Hospital to the Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council; (f) reappointed Anne Paul as the one representative from the Alexandria Historical Society to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (g) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Bruce Machanic as the one representative of the Old Town North Business Community to the Alexandria Urban Design Advisory Committee; and (h) appointed Mindy Lyle as the one representative from Cameron Station Civic Association, appointed Zinaida Raye as the one representative from the Summer's Grove Homeowners Association, appointed Patrick McClintock-Comeaux as the one representative from the Alexandria City Public Schools, appointed Carol Janees as the one representative from the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, appointed Micki Aronson as the one representative from the Cameron Station Community Association, appointed Annabelle Fisher as the one representative from the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations; appointed Wendy Albert and John Porter as the two representatives from the West End Business Association, waived the residency requirement and appointed Dan Hoyt as the one representative from the Virginia Paving Company, appointed William Skrabak as the one representative from the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, and waived the residency requirement and appointed Richard Josephson as the one representative from the Department of Planning and Zoning to the Virginia Paving Community Liaison Committee.

7. City Council received the Report and thanked the Board of Zoning Appeals for their efforts on behalf of the City.

The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Macdonald	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

## OTHER

8. Consideration of (a) Federal Issues of Importance to the City; and (b) Remarks by Congressman Moran.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 6, 2007, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 3/13/07, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Legislative Director Caton made a presentation of items the City would like Federal help on.

Congressman Moran noted the 41 projects they have earmarked money for in Alexandria, totaling \$35 million, plus the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project. He asked

Council for its list of requests as a priority.

Mr. Caton suggested some of the higher priorities, which are: public safety radios, computerized crime fighting technology, emergency generator, Seaport Foundation, Bus Rapid Transit and Eisenhower Metro and gangs funding.

Vice Mayor Macdonald said important to him are: Alexandria Seaport Foundation, the trails along the Potomac River/Hunting Towers and Jones Point Lighthouse.

Councilwoman Pepper said important to her are: public safety radios, computerized crime technology, BRT, gangs, and would like to see one or the other of the child day care funding or child welfare services, and the Job Skills Development.

Councilmember Lovain said important to him is the Four Mile Run Masterplan.

Councilman Smedberg said important to him is the work along the trail from Mt. Vernon to D.C., so the improvements along the Potomac Waterfront should be continued and be high on the list.

Mayor Euille said there was also a connection between that and Jones Point Park, and in addition to the funding for the park and the lighthouse, and would like to have the Federal assistance in bringing that process to a close.

Congressman Moran said issues he has tentatively decided to do are: new public safety radios, Seaport Foundation, the Auto Training Institute, child care entitlements, the Battered Women's Shelter, Potomac Yard, Eisenhower Avenue, Four Mile Run, Jones Point Trail connection, the Lloyd House, Jones Point Lighthouse and Regional Gang Monies.

Mayor Euille noted that Fairfax County and Alexandria are working in collaboration to discuss the flooding that happened in July in Cameron Run and both communities will coordinate a meeting with the Federal Delegation to talk about solutions. Mayor Euille also noted that the U.S. Conference of Mayor's had an annual meeting in January, in which it developed a Mayor's Ten Point Plan, which includes energy environmental block grant for climate change and CDBG funding, and they would like to have continued support there.

Vice Mayor Macdonald said on the relocation of the post office in Old Town, the preferred option would be that it move to a South Washington Street site, the Atrium site, and he hoped Congressman Moran would forward to the U.S. Postal Service their concerns that the site be chosen.

## **CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

### **9. Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board**

1 Tenant Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission:)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Annabelle Fisher  
Amanda Gordon

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 3/13/07, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Annabelle Fisher as the one tenant member to the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Fisher
Macdonald	-	Fisher
Gaines	-	Fisher
Krupicka	-	Fisher
Lovain	-	Fisher
Pepper	-	Fisher
Smedberg	-	Fisher

10. Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board  
4 Citizen Members

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission:)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

John Cole  
Thomas "Jay" Johnson  
Nathan Macek  
Lawrence Ruggiero  
Converse West

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 3/13/07, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed John Cole, Thomas "Jay" Johnson, Lawrence Ruggiero and Converse West as the four citizen members to the

Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Cole, Johnson, Ruggiero, West
Macdonald	-	Cole, Johnson, Ruggiero, Macek
Gaines	-	Cole, Johnson, Ruggiero, West
Krupicka	-	Cole, Johnson, Ruggiero, West
Lovain	-	Cole, Johnson, Ruggiero, West
Pepper	-	Cole, Johnson, Ruggiero, West
Smedberg	-	Cole, Johnson, Ruggiero, West

Councilman Smedberg suggested the Mayor and City Manager keep Mr. Macek's application on hand, as he is clearly uniquely qualified.

Vice Mayor Macdonald suggested looking at term limits, rotation of chairs and a more formal mechanism for seeing that there is turnover on boards and commissions.

Councilman Smedberg said in addition, they need to take a comprehensive look at the boards and commissions in place and do an audit to see if they are in line with where the City is heading.

City Manager Hartmann asked for a couple of weeks to meet on this and pull together some ideas to look at the boards and commissions operations.

Councilman Krupicka spoke about looking at the issue of tenure on boards and commissions and what is appropriate.

Vice Mayor Macdonald said the other question is how can individual boards and commissions be more effective generally.

#### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

#### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

None

(The following items were heard together:)

#### **ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

#### **ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

(a) Councilman Krupicka said as chair of the Council of Governments Aviation Policy Committee, they had a day-long meeting today with all of the major



helicopter operators in the region, including the military operators, to talk about helicopter noise. He said they were pleasantly surprised to see an enormous turnout from the military establishment, who agree that helicopter noise is an issue they need to be participating in a solution for. He said they had a very productive meeting today and had five or six major follow-ups they will work to address with the military and nonmilitary helicopter community over the ensuing months and years. Councilman Krupicka said for those who have concerns with helicopter noise in Alexandria, they are making progress against it.

(b) Mayor Euille said that this morning there was a meeting hosted by the collaborative Chamber of Commerce work group, including the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, the Old Town Civic Association, Small Business Development Center, KSMET and others, to further reflect and gain input in terms of getting Alexandria prepared for the on-coming of the National Harbor project and particularly the Gaylord Resort, which is scheduled to open in April 2008. Mayor Euille said he was surprised by the turnout, as there were over 125 people in attendance. He said Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks represented the City on a panel in terms of the City's perspective. He said they are on to something very exciting and positive in terms of being ready and able to meet and adjust to the needs for the initiative.

Councilman Smedberg said he attended some of the meeting, he heard very positive comments afterwards, and the only comment of concern was that they wished it had been started six months or a year ago, and there is concern that there is a short period of time to implement some of the great ideas.

(c) Vice Mayor Macdonald spoke about trash on the streets, in particular businesses cleaning the streets and he noticed the enormous amount of cigarette butts on the street that were being washed into the gutter and into the sewer. He said there is a street cleaning program in Alexandria, which is great, but if it rains, all the trash ends up in the Potomac River because of the combined sewer system. Vice Mayor Macdonald said he thought they needed to work with businesses to try to work on the litter issue and what it can do to cut back on this kind of littering. He said there needs to be an education program and effort on littering, and in particular, throwing cigarette butts out car windows.

(d) Councilmember Lovain said he would like to take advantage of the very brief meeting to put in a pitch for very brief meetings. If meetings were kept shorter, more people would pay attention and understand what they do a little better.

## **ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Hartmann introduced new Planning Director Faroll Hamer, who will begin with the City in late April.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None.

## OTHER

### 11. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 6, 2007, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 3/13/07, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Macdonald and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. retained the Wednesday, April 11 budget work session date with the School Board to discuss any Schools budget issues that may be pending and to receive a presentation for Council and the School Board on the work of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria Steering Committee; and 2. received the revised calendar which includes: the Alexandria Earth Day on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 5000 Duke Street; and the 2007 Employee/Retiree Health Fair on Thursday, May 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Macdonald	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Macdonald and carried unanimously, the regular City Council meeting of March 13, 2007, was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Macdonald	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

APPROVED BY:

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC, City Clerk